

# USU President Tours Wasatch

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Many people may ponder the connection between milking cows and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, but one does exist.

Utah State University President Kermit Hall stopped in Wasatch County Wednesday, May 23, as part of his 29-county "Benchmark Tour" to do both—milk a cow and discuss the J.F.K. assassination.

Hill is milking a cow in every county in the state to accentuate Utah State University's status as the oldest land-grant university west of the Mississippi River.

Wasatch was the seventh county visited in the tour that began in April.

Hall said he wants the USU marketing event to bring attention to the the institution's strong engineering and technical accomplishments.

"No other university has sent as many experiments into space as Utah State," Hall said.

Hall is the fourteenth president of Utah State University. He assumed the presidency last January.

Originally from Ohio, Hall came to USU from North Carolina State University where he was Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

His background as a historian and legal scholar was instrumental in his nomination and confirmation for former President Bill Clinton's Records Review Board of the assassination of President Kennedy.

In his brief lecture on the findings of the Records Review Board, Hall told his audience that although motives for killing J.F.K. were present for mob bosses, Cuban patriots and ex-patriots and even Russian

leaders, he discounted a conspiracy theory.

Hall's other business while in Wasatch County was meeting with Wasatch High School Principal Vicci Gappmeyer, high school counselors and Wasatch County School District



**Kermit Hall**  
USU President

Superintendent Danny Talbot.

Hall said he was at the high school to listen to their concerns.

Student teacher internship programs and connecting freshmen with advisors were two concerns raised by Wasatch High educators and Superintendent Talbot.

Hall said that the input was useful and that one purpose of the tour was to learn how to make USU a more attractive choice for students considering a university education.

While in Wasatch County, Hall milked the USU cow at the Heber Valley Elementary School while his wife, Phyllis, read stories to second graders.

Hall and his entourage lunched at the Wasatch Mountain State Park Golf Course club house with community leaders and county agriculture leaders.

Other stops on the Wasatch County were at the Homestead Resort and Bear Creek Country Kitchens.

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As much as the Heber Planning Commission would like to use the *Wasatch Wave* for something other than real estate material, it is no excuse for unprofessional behavior at a public meeting.

To threaten to sue a first-year journalism student to prevent him from reporting on proceedings in a public meeting, while in the midst of that same public meeting, is more reminiscent of a playroom full of toddlers than a commission of rational adults appointed to positions of public trust.

Whether the comment was made in jest or in earnest, the *Wave* must take exception to the public statement.

The *Wave* doesn't like to be thrust in the role of schoolmarm, but perhaps it's time the commission reviewed the Heber Amendment and Robert's Rules of Order which dictates rules and protocol for public meetings.

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BY PAUL JACOBS  
Guest Commentary



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